Increase in AIDS cases

1646. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been considerable increase in AIDS patients in the country as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 15th July, 1989;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of AIDS patients at present in the country; and

(d) what preventive measures are be- -ing contemplated by Government for controlling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM); (a) to (c) There ^ a gradual increase in sero-positive cases of AIDS in the country. Upto 15th July, 1989, 325447 persons of high risk groups were screened and 1351 sero-positive cases found, out of which 30 are Ml blown AIDS cases.

(d) The measures taken to prevent spread of HIV" infection includes:—

1. Screening of blood donors by linking blood banks with testing centre has start-[1] ed in 3 metropolitan cities of Bombay, Delhi and Madras. The screening of blood donors will be started shortly in Calcutta. Other cities have more than 5 lakhs population will also be covered lor screening of blood donors in a phased manner.

2. Health Education of high risk) groups.

3. Counselling of sero-positive prosti tutes.

4. Promotion of use of condom and contraceptives among high risk group and seri-positive individuals.

5. Mandatory production of AIDS free certificate by Specified category of foreign-ers.

6. Screening o£ blood and blood products for HIV antibodies.

Cases against armed forces officers in N.C.C,

1647. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases reported and investigated against Armed Forces Officers posted to National Cadet Corps during the last three years;

(b) the number of Armed Forces work, ing with the N.C.C. at present with their ranks; and

(c) for how long these armed forces officers are deputed to N.C.C.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRO-DUCTION AND SUPPLIES* IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Five cases have come to the notice of Service Headquarters.

(b) 1182 officers, ranging in rank from Captain to Lt. General.

(c) The normal tenure is two to three years. Some officers are posted for a second tenure also.

Embezzlement of funds in NCC

1648. DR. BAPU KALDATE; Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that some cases of misappropriation and embezzlement of funds in the National Cadet Corps [are] under investigation;

(b) how many of these have been in-vestigated, till date;

(c) the total amount involved in these misappropriation; and

(d) whether there is any vigilance cell in National Cadet Corps to detect offences of such nature?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE **PRO-**